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- 25X1X 1. [REDACTED] the recent scheme to place Prince Na'if on the Jordanian throne had little support and did not develop beyond the planning stage. [REDACTED] although Na'if undoubtedly gave the plan his tacit approval, the scheme probably was planned by a group in the Palace who feared that they would lose their positions if Prince Tal'al should become King.
2. This group, which was led by Farhan Pasha Shubaylat, Chief of the Royal Cabinet, and Muhammad Pasha Shurayki, Minister of Court, considered using the Hashimite Regiment to imprison Tal'al upon his return from Switzerland, along with the Cabinet Ministers, and place Na'if on the throne. The plan failed, however, when an officer of the Hashimite Regiment informed Glubb Pasha, who then disarmed the unit and sent it from 'Amman on maneuvers on 31 August and 1 September 1951.
- 25X1X 3. [REDACTED] although it is not conclusive that Colonel Habis Majali, commanding officer of the Hashimite Regiment, assisted in organizing the plot, "it is possible" that he was aware of the plans, and in addition, "it was suspected" that the "Black Queen" and the two Turkish princes who were visiting Na'if, Muhammad Nazim and Muhammad Nazim, encouraged Shubaylat in his scheme.
4. Although Tal'al learned of the plot shortly after his arrival on 6 September 1951, he and Tawfiq Pasha Abu-al-Huda decided that they would minimize the importance of the plot and gradually replace those individuals involved in the conspiracy. Shubaylat therefore was relieved of his duties and left for Beirut, Lebanon, where he formerly was Jordanian Minister; Shubaylat has been replaced by 'Abd-al-Rahman Pasha Khalifah.

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